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**PATENT** 

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**APPLICANTS:** 

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**GROUP ART UNIT: 2685** 

**SERIAL NO.:** 

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**EXAMINER:** LE, Lana N.

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FOR:

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SEARCHING

FOR PN SEQUENCE PHASE IN MULTI-CARRIER

CDMA MOBLIE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Commissioner of Patents

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### REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

#### I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to a payment a filing fee for a Notice of Appeal incurred because of a delay that is believe to have been caused by the Examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above-identified application.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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Dated: December 22, 2003

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II.	FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED	
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	patent maintenance fee surcharge	
<u>X</u>	other Notice of Appeal	\$ 320.00
	TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED	<u>\$ 320.00</u>

## III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

An after final Response was timely filed on February 24, 2003 with a one (1) month extension of time. On April 22, 2003 an attempt was made to discuss the Examiner's delay in replying. After leaving several unreturned telephone calls to the Examiner, we contacted the Examiner's supervisor on April 22, 2003, and were then contacted by the Examiner late in the afternoon of the same day. The Examiner apologized for not timely replying to the after final Response, and that an Advisory Action would be issued. In order to preserve the Applicant's rights, a Notice of Appeal was filed as the Advisory Action had not been issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. On April 23, 2003 the Examiner sent to us a courtesy copy of the Advisory Action via facsimile.

Due to the delay and issuance of the Advisory Action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a payment of the Notice of Appeal filing fee was required.

#### IV. MANNER OF REFUND

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Respectfully requested,

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